

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**On page 372, replace the second full paragraph with the following amended paragraph:**

Emulsion Em-A6 was prepared in the same manner as ~~(Em-A4)~~(Em-A5), except that compound (IX-2-3) of the invention was added in an amount of  $1 \times 10^{-4}$  mol/mol Ag at the time of chemical sensitization.

**On page 374, replace the third full paragraph with the following amended paragraph:**

Emulsion Em-A9 was prepared in the same manner as ~~(Em-A7)~~(EM-A8), except that compound (IX-2-3) of the invention was added in an amount of  $1 \times 10^{-4}$  mol/mol Ag at the time of chemical sensitization.

**On page 376, replace the third full paragraph with the following amended paragraph:**

Emulsion Em-A12 was prepared in the same manner as ~~(Em-A10)~~(Em-A11), except that compound (IX-2-3) of the invention was added in an amount of  $1 \times 10^{-4}$  mol/mol Ag at the time of chemical sensitization.

**On page 378, replace the last paragraph with the following amended paragraph:**

Emulsion Em-A15 was prepared in the same manner as ~~(Em-A13)~~(Em-A14), except that compound (IX-2-3) of the invention was added in an amount of  $1 \times 10^{-4}$  mol/mol Ag at the time of chemical sensitization.

**On page 392, replace the last paragraph with the following amended paragraph:**

Em-J3 was prepared in the same manner as ~~Em-J1~~(Em-J2), except that compound (IX-2-50) of the invention was added in an amount of  $1 \times 10^{-4}$  mol/mol Ag at the time of chemical sensitization.

**On page 403, replace the second full paragraph with the following amended:**

Em-P3 was prepared in the same manner as ~~Em-P1~~Em-P2, except that compound (IX-2-50) of the invention was added in an amount of  $1 \times 10^{-4}$  mol/mol Ag at the time of chemical sensitization.

**On page 451, replace the third full paragraph beginning at line 16 with the following amended paragraph:**

Em-X3 was obtained in the same manner as ~~Em-X1~~Em-X2, except that compound (IV-2) of the invention was added at the time of chemical sensitization in an amount of 10 mol% of the sensitizing dyes added.

**On page 460, replace the fourth full paragraph beginning at line 20 with the following amended paragraph:**

Em-Y3 was obtained in the same manner as ~~Em-Y1~~Em-Y2, except that compound (IV-2) of the invention was added at the time of chemical sensitization in an amount of 10 mol% of the sensitizing dyes added.

**On page 465, replace the first full paragraph, beginning at line 2 with the following amended paragraph:**

Em-Z3 was obtained in the same manner as ~~Em-Z1~~Em-Z2, except that compound (IV-2) of the invention was added at the time of chemical sensitization in an amount of 10 mol% of the sensitizing dyes added.